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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yuichi KUNORI

Serial No.: 09/469,497

Filed: December 22, 1999

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Group Art Unit: 2187

Examiner: J. Song

For: MULTILEVEL STORAGE NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY

DEVICE ENABLING HIGH-SPEED DATA READING AND HIGH-SPEED

DATA WRITING

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 16 now reads as follows:

16. (Amended) A method for writing data to a non-volatile semiconductor memory device, said non-volatile semiconductor memory device including a memory cell storing first and second data, and first and second registers, said method comprising the steps of:

storing in said first register said first data input from the outside of said nonvolatile semiconductor memory device;

writing said first data stored in said first register to said memory cell;

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	23	20	3	\$18.00 =	\$54.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
	•	Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
		Fee for extension of time			\$110.00
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$164.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$164.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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